

## GENERATING FUNCTIONS PRACTICE - MATH 4160

Find the generating function for the each of the following sets of partitions described below.

- (1) Partitions with only even parts and the length is  $\leq 6$ .
- (2) Partitions with only even parts and the width is  $\leq 6$ .
- (3) Partitions with distinct even parts of width  $\leq 6$ .
- (4) Partitions with the number of parts of size  $k$  is always a multiple of  $k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ .
- (5) Partitions which are not of length exactly equal to 2.
- (6) Partitions with the number of parts of size  $k$  is always  $\leq k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ .
- (7) Partitions with width less than or equal to  $n$  and odd parts are repeated at most 4 times and even parts are repeated at most twice.
- (8) Partitions of height less than or equal to  $n$  where every value of  $k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  appears as a part exactly once.
- (9) Partitions with distinct odd parts
- (10) Self conjugate partitions (partitions with the property that if the diagram is flipped about the  $x = y$  line then the picture stays the same).
- (11) Partitions of the form  $(a, b)$  where  $a > b$ .
- (12) Odd partitions which are not self-conjugate.
- (13) Partitions of width less than or equal to 3 or of length less than or equal to 2 (hint: Inclusion-Exclusion might work on this)
- (14) Partitions with length  $\leq k$  and either there is one even part OR there are two even parts and at least one odd part.
- (15) (\*\*) Partitions which fit inside of an  $n \times k$  rectangle.

(\*\*) possibly difficult but it has a simple answer. Hint: Note the generating function is finite. Recall that the number of partitions which fit inside of an  $n \times k$  rectangle is  $\binom{n+k}{k}$  and so if we evaluate the generating function at  $x = 1$  then the answer must be this number.

Give a description of a set of combinatorial objects that is counted by the following formulas. The formulas include the variables  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  where  $n$  is an integer greater than or equal to 0. We will take  $a_n$  to represent the number of *widgits* of size  $n$  and  $b_n$  to represent the number of *doodles* of size  $n$ . There are many answers to these problems but someone should be able to read your description and recover the formula.

(1)  $n^2$

(2)  $n(n-1)/2$

(3)  $2^n$

(4)  $n!$

(5)  $na_k$

(6)  $a_0a_1a_2 \cdots a_k$

(7)  $a_k^2$

(8)  $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k^2$

(9)  $a_k^n$

(10)  $\sum_{k=0}^r a_k$

(11)  $\sum_{k=0}^r a_k^n$

(12)  $(\sum_{k=0}^r a_k)^n$

(13)  $\binom{n}{k} a_k b_{n-k}$

(14)  $a_k b_{n-k}$

(15)  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a_k b_{n-k}$

(16)  $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$